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REFS: A) BUCHAREST 5553; B) BUCHAREST 5564

1. IF INCLUSION OF NON-FUNDED PROGRAM ITEMS IS INDEED ROMANIAN REQUIREMENT (REFTEL A, PARA 2), QUESTION FOR US SIDE WOULD APPEAR TO BE WHETHER THESE SHOULD BE MENTIONED BRIEFLY IN GENERAL AGREEMENT OR IN MORE DETAIL IN PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES. EITHER OPTION WOULD ESTABLISH PRECEDENCE FOR FUTURE AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER EE COUNTRIES. SIMILAR LANGUAGE, IN SOME CASES, ALSO APPEARS IN US-USSR CULTURAL AGREEMENT. WHILE THESE ARE NOT ITEMS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE, SINCE THEY DO NOT COMMIT US TO FUNDING THESE EXCHANGES, ON BALANCE I WOULD PREFER TO INCLUDE THEM, AS NECESSARY, IN THE PROGRAM DOCUMENT, RATHER THAN THE GENERAL AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO REDUCE LIKELIHOOD WE MAY HAVE TO INCLUDE THEM IN OTHER EE AGREEMENTS. HOWEVER, SOME ITEMS (SUCH AS MUSEUM AND LIBRARY COOPERATION, AND TRANSLATION OF LITERARY AND THEATER WORKS) COULD EASILY BE INCLUDED IN GENERAL AGREEMENT TEXT.

2. RE NSF SUMMER WORKSHOPS (REFTEL A, PARA 3), MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT ROMANIANS HAVE NOT NOMINATED FOR THIS PROJECT IN RECENT YEARS. BECAUSE OF BUDETARY CONSIDERATIONS AS WELL AS RELATIVE UTILTIY TO US SIDE, I WOULD PREFER TO DELETE THIS ITEM FROM PRGRAM OF
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EXCHANGES. REQUEST CU/EE ADVISE BUCHAREST OF ANY TOHER

CONSIDERATIONS.

3. RE ROMANIAN STIPENDS FOR US GRANTEES (REFTEL A, PARA 4), REQUEST BUCHAREST DETERMINE LEVEL OF STIPENDS PAID BY ROMANIANS TO GRANTEES FROM OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. REQUEST CU/EE ADVISE BUCHAREST OF LEVEL OF CU FUNDING, (ACUTAL UNIT COSTS BROKEN DOWN BY ITEM) FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF CU GRANTS IN ROMANIA. SINCE WE ARE OFFERING TO INCREASE STIPENDS FOR ROMANIANS IN US, BELIEVE WE ARE IN STRONG POSITION, PARTICULARLY IF BUCHAREST CAN DETERMINE THAT COSTS IN ROMANIA ACTUALLY HAVE RISEN.

4. RE "JUNIOR LECTURERS" (REFTEL B, PARA 1) IN VIEW FY 75 BUDGET LIMITATIONS, BELIEVE BUCHAREST SHOULD DETERMINE RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ITEM TO US OBJECTIVES IN ROMANIA. IF JUNIOR LECTURERS ARE TO BE USED IN DIRECT TEACHING OF ENGLISH, THIS MIGHT BE LOWER PRIORITY THAN MORE SENIOR LECTURERS IN OTHER ACADEMIC FIELDS. IN ANY EVENT, WE SHOULD AVOID RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENT WHERE WE WOULD FUND THREE JUNIOR LECTURERS IN ROMANIAN LANGUAGE IN US. SUGGEST RESOLUTION THIS ITEM BE DEFERRED UNTIL MY ARRIVAL BUCHAREST.

5. SUGGEST HOUSING (REFTEL B, PARA 2) ALSO BE DEFERRED. CU/EE SHOULD ADVISE HOUSING STATUS OF ROMANIAN "STUDENTS" AND RESEARCHERS IN US.

6. AS I WORK MY WAY AROUND EE AND SEE PROGRAMMING POSSIBILITIES IN THE AREA, THE QUESTION OF FUNDING ANY PROGRAM INCREASES THIS YEAR APPEARS MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT. TRUST CU/EE CAN KEEP ME INFORMED WHETHER ROMANIAN PROGRAM COMMITMENTS MADE THUS FAR, OR DURING ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS, WILL EXCEED OUR FY 75 BUDGET LIMITATIONS.
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